IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ruben et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: Brusca, John S.

Title: 32 Human Secreted Proteins

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AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.115 AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 17, 2002 (Paper No. 7), please consider the following amendments and remarks timely submitted herein on February 19, 2002 (as February 17, 2002 was a Sunday, and February 18, 2002 was a Federal Holiday (i.e. Presidents' Day)). Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee; (b) Information Disclosure Statement.

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

Please cancel claims 2-10, 12, and 14-16 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following new claims:

-- 28. (New) An isolated protein comprising amino acid residues 30 to 113 of SEQ ID NO:59.

28. (New) The isolated protein of claim 28 which comprises amino acid residues 2 to 113 of SEQ ID NO:59.

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